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SUBJECT: FRG CABINET CREATES "EUROPEAN COMMITTEE"

1. FRG SPOKESMAN GRUENEWALD HAS ANNOUNCED
THAT THE SEPT 19 CABINET MEETING APPROVED THE ESTABLISH-
MENT OF A WEST EUROPEAN POLICY COMMITTEE IN THE GERMAN
CABINET. THE NEW "EUROPEAN CABINET," SIMILAR IN FORM
TO THE FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL AND "ECONOMIC CABINET,"
WILL BE COMPRISED OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,

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DEFENSE, FINANCE, ECONOMICS, LABOR AND FOOD; IN
ADDITION, SPECIAL MINISTER EGAR BAHR WILL BE A MEMBER

OF THE "EUROPEAN CABINET." OTHER MINISTERS ALSO MAY PARTICIPATE. FRAU FOCKE IS EXPECTED TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF WEST EUROPEAN POLICY.

2. THE EUROPEAN COMMITTEE MANDATE IS "TO CONSULT ON MATTERS CONCERNING THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, CONSIDER THE INTERNAL CONNECTION BETWEEN EC INTEGRATION AND OTHER UNIFICATION MEASURES, AS WELL AS RELATIONS TO NORTH AMERICA AND BUILDING COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE." A CHANCELLERY SOURCE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE IN THE MANDATE OF THE CONNECTION WITH THE U.S. AND CANADA. CONCERNING THE REFERENCE TO EAST EUROPE, HE SAID THE MANDATE REQUIRED THE EUROPEAN CABINET TO KEEP IN MIND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR EASTERN POLICY WHILE SHAPING WESTERN POLICY.

3. FONOFF SOURCE TELLS US INITIAL DECISION TO ESTABLISH A EUROPEAN COMMITTEE WAS TAKEN AFTER LAST NOVEMBER'S GERMAN FEDERAL ELECTIONS AND IS MERELY BEING IMPLEMENTED AT THIS TIME. OUR SOURCE NOTED THAT THE SPD/FDP COALITION GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE GOOD USE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS EUROPEAN COMMITTEE IN DEFLECTING CDU/CSU OPPOSITION CRITICISM OF INSUFFICIENT EMPHASIS BY THE GOVERNMENT ON WESTERN EUROPEAN POLICY.
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